(b) In the current prices of petroleum products, the full costs of operation involving exploration, production, processing and marketing are not being recovered.

(c) and (d) The price changes for petroleum products depend on a number of factors like international price of crude/products, the exchange rates, trends in domestic production, its costs, and imports etc.

Manpower Racket

*38. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that manpower racket is going on in the country whereby innocent people lose their money and are suffering; and

(b) what preventive measures Government are taking to save the innocent job seekers from being exploited by the job racketeers?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) 'Police' is a state subject and as such registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes including the crime of cheating workers is the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. However, the Central Government is aware of complaints received from workers from time to time regarding cheating and extortion of money by recruiting agencies from intending emigrants.

(b) The Emigration Act, 1983 provides measures for the protection and welfare of emigrants. Complaints against registered recruiting agents are enquired into with the help of police and the concerned Indian Mission abroad and action is taken as appropriate in each case in accordance with the provisions of the Act and Rules framed thereunder. Complaints against unregistered recruiting agents are referred to the Police for appropriate action. Complaints against foreign employers are taken up with the Embassies and Recruiting Agents concerned.

Foreign secretary level talks between India and Pakistan

*39. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI G.G. SWELL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the talks recently held between the Indian and Pakistani Foreign Secretaries at Islamabad failed;

(b) if so, what are the areas covered at the talks;

(c) what are the issues on which differences between the two countries persist; and

(d) whether any further talks are proposed to be held between India and Pakistan, if so when and at what level?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b) The Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan met at Islamabad from 1—3 January, 1994. At these talks, the entire range of bilateral issues including differences related to Jammu & Kashmir issue were discussed.

(c) It was recognised that divergences exist on a number of bilateral issues including Pakistan's support for terrorism and subversion directed against India, people-to-people contacts between the two coutries, Pakistan's hostile propaganda, its continued efforts for internationalisation of bilateral issues and differences related to Jammu and Kashmir.

(d) At the Foreign Secretary-level talks held between India and Pakistan at Islamabad from 1—3 January, 1994 the two sides reiterated the need to engage in a bilateral dialogue. Government expressed its readiness to draw a schedule